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# UNION HOTEL



252 Union Road



Essendon Conservation  
Study 1985

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## Location

250-252 UNION ROAD, ASCOT VALE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO118

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Union Hotel, constructed in 1888, at 252 Union Road, Ascot Vale. The form, scale and original external materials and detailing contribute to the significance of the place.

Later alterations and additions including signage are not significant.

**How is it significant?**

The Union Hotel at 252 Union Road, Ascot Vale is of local historic, social and architectural significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

**Why is it significant?**

It is historically significant as a public meeting place and thus prominent in many Essendonians lives, also one of the three hotels placed at the apices of the Temperance Township triangle, after prohibition of alcohol sellers within the town's limits. (Criteria A & D)

It is architecturally significant as a skilfully and richly ornamented hotel building in a typical form and style for its period, which is also notable as a major streetscape element within the historic Union Road precinct. (Criteria E & F)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;

Construction dates 1888,

Hermes Number 24152

Property Number

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**Physical Description 1**

A two storeyed stuccoed brick hotel building which has been adapted in style from the Italian Renaissance. A succession of pediments mark window bays, along the upper facades, which are in turn, underscored by Corinthian order pilasters. Colonettes placed at the Impost of each window arch, add to the generally ornate facade. The profusion of upper pediments is taken more soberly, at ground level, on broader pediments, placed above the entrances. Segment-arched openings here also express a progression of mass and void up the facade and parapet urns and orbs are intact.

The Hotel is in good condition and has a relatively high degree of external integrity. Alterations include two large glazed areas, placed between pilasters, on the north side; signs have also been added.

The Hotel is a major corner element and termination to the Union Road shopping centre (Refer to place record for the Union Road commercial precinct).

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